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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : USIB-Approved Guidelines and Procedures for the  
Release of National Intelligence Estimates to Foreign  
Governments

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-17.1/15, 10 June 1964  
b. USIB-D-17.1/24, 9 February 1968  
c. USIB-M-499, 7 March 1968, Item 3

1. The United States Intelligence Board at its 7 March meeting (as recorded in reference c. which was approved on this date) adopted the attached "Guidelines and Procedures for the Release of National Intelligence Estimates to Foreign Governments".

2. Accordingly, the above guidelines and procedures are circulated herewith for information and guidance of all concerned.

Executive Secretary

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See attached memorandum.

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USIB-Approved Guidelines and Procedures for the  
Release of National Intelligence Estimates to  
Foreign Governments

1. Guidelines

25X1 It has been determined that it is in the national interest that  
National Intelligence Estimates should normally be considered for release  
[redacted] within the geographic limits set  
forth below:

[redacted]

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2. Other NIEs in geographic areas not specified, will be considered  
for release on a case-by-case basis.

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3. Procedures

a. Upon USIB approval of a national estimate, the Board of National Estimates will prepare a recommendation to USIB for release or non-release, within the guidelines of paragraph 1 above. In making its recommendation, BNE will take into account the substantive content of the estimate and related security considerations.

b. USIB members will review the BNE recommendation to determine whether sensitive or "no foreign dissem" information or policy considerations make the release inappropriate.

c. Each USIB member will then inform the USIB Secretariat whether or not he concurs in the release, and if not, the reasons therefore. In cases when the release is opposed by one or more members, the estimate would not be released, and no further action would be taken unless a USIB member requested that the matter be placed on the USIB agenda.

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d. Recommendations by the Board of National Estimates regarding [redacted] will be limited to estimates concerning the areas specified in paragraph 1 above. In event a USIB member wishes to propose the release of an estimate on other areas in accordance with paragraph 2. above, he should so inform the Executive Secretary in a paper which also sets forth the advantages accruing to the U. S. from the proposed release. Subsequently, the procedures set forth in paragraph 3. c. above would be followed.

e. For the release of national estimates to countries [redacted] USIB members should initiate proposals in accord with the procedures set forth in USIB-D-17.1/15, 10 June 1964 (reference a.). All such proposals will be placed on the USIB agenda for discussion and action. If a USIB member

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contemplates making a proposal for release but wishes to be more fully informed of policy, intelligence, security, or other considerations before reaching a decision, he may call upon the D/DCI/NIPE to convene an ad hoc group from USIB member agencies to identify and make a preliminary assessment of these considerations. The conclusions of the ad hoc group would not be binding upon USIB members, but merely advisory to the member contemplating a recommendation to the Board for release.

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